

SPW1. Project Effects on Water Quality Designated Beneficial Uses for Surface Waters

Water Quality: Upper Feather River

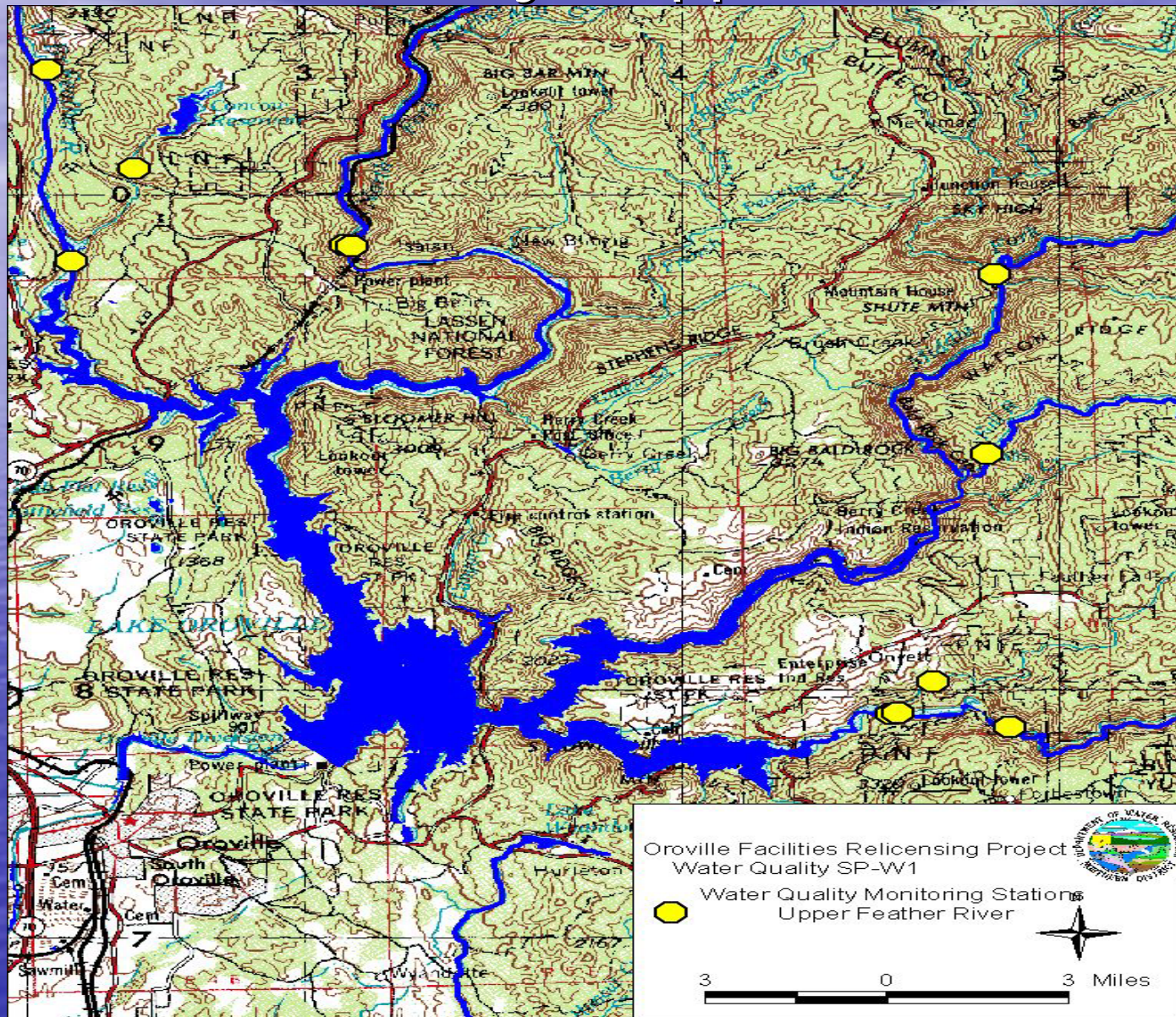
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- Water Quality Stations
 - West Branch Feather River near Paradise
 - Concow Creek at Jordan Hill Road
 - North Fork Feather River upstream of Poe PH
 - Poe PH Outflow
 - Feather River Middle Fork near Merrimac
 - Fall River upstream from Feather Falls
 - Sucker Run Creek near Forbestown
 - South Fork Feather River upstream from Ponderosa Reservoir
 - South Fork Feather River downstream from Ponderosa Reservoir

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- General Approach
 - Monthly sampling of water quality stations
 - Began sampling March 2002
 - First flush, and storm runoff events
 - Parameters analyzed
 - Physical constituents (dissolved oxygen, pH, electrical conductivity, etc..)
 - Chemical constituents (minerals, nutrients, metals)
 - Pesticides

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- Results
 - March 2002 through May 2003
 - Physical constituents
 - No data issues at this time
 - Chemical constituents
 - Minerals – no data issues at this time
 - Nutrients – no data issues at this time
 - Metals - some criteria exceeded at all stations
(see handout)

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- Next steps
 - Collect samples through March 2004
 - Summarize all data and compare to numerical or narrative objectives
 - Identify any problems and possible solutions for these problems

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Water Quality: Oroville Wildlife Area Ponds

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- Stations
 - Oroville Fishing Pond (south pond)
 - Robinson Riffle Pond
 - Upper Pacific Heights Pond
 - Lower Pacific Heights Pond
 - Mile Long Pond

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- General Approach
 - Monthly sampling of water quality stations
 - Began sampling June 2002
 - Parameters analyzed
 - Physical constituents (dissolved oxygen, pH, electrical conductivity, etc..)
 - Chemical constituents (minerals, nutrients, metals)
 - Pesticides

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- Results
 - June 2002 through May 2003
 - Physical constituents
 - Low dissolved oxygen levels
 - No other issues at this time
 - Chemical constituents
 - Minerals – no data issues at this time
 - Nutrients – no data issues at this time
 - Metals - some criteria exceeded at all stations (see handout)

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- Next Steps
 - Collect samples through June 2004
 - Summarize data and compare to numerical and narrative objectives
 - Develop and discuss solutions for water quality issues